

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 687

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Chuck Lee Pierce and
Jerrid Ray Pierce of Benton County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Chuck and Jerrid Pierce under tragic circumstances on January 21, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce brothers, Chuck and Jerrid were two fine and upstanding young men who were wholly dedicated to their family and their community; and

WHEREAS, Chuck and Jerrid were never-ending sources of inspiration to those who knew and cherished them; and

WHEREAS, their benevolent natures knew no bounds, and they were always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Lee Pierce was born on January 14, 1983 in Modesto, California and attended Camden Central High School, where he will be sorely missed by teachers and students alike; and

WHEREAS, Jerrid Ray Pierce was born on January 19, 1985 in Modesto, California; he also attended Camden Central High School, where he cultivated and demonstrated his athletic ability as a member of the basketball team; and

WHEREAS, in honor of their memory, all Benton County schools suspended their classes on January 25, 2000, to reflect upon the Pierce brothers' venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, Chuck and Jerrid were also deeply devoted to their family; and

WHEREAS, they were the loving sons of Charles Lee and Anna Marie Elmore Pierce and will be greatly missed by their two sisters, Becky Pyle and Candy McKinney of Holladay; their brother, Mark Pierce of Camden; and their grandparents, Shirley and Leon Elmore of Modesto, California; and

WHEREAS, every loving parent has two concerns when their children are apart from them: where they are and whom they are with. Although their separation from Chuck and Jerrid is extremely painful, the Pierces may take comfort with the knowledge that their boys will now always be safe; and

WHEREAS, their warm smiles brightened our day, spread sunshine and brought smiles to the faces of everyone who were fortunate enough to know them; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful lives of these exceptional young men and human beings; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor Chuck Lee Pierce and Jerrid Ray Pierce, by reflecting fondly upon their unique and precious lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Chuck and Jerrid Pierce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.